



Life Jackets **must** be worn by children age 12 and under and available on board for ALL!

No child 12 years of age or under shall operate, control, or be transported on the deck of a boat or vessel which is underway upon the public waters of the state unless said child is wearing a personal flotation device (PFD) approved by the US Coast Guard.

Per RSA 270:30a, effective August 2007

- Drowning is the second leading cause of injury deaths among children ages 1 to 14.
- Drowning occurs quickly and quietly with little time for action.
- It is estimated that 87% of boating related drowning deaths could have been prevented if the victim had been wearing a LIFE JACKET!

**For more information about
drowning prevention contact:**

Safe Kids New Hampshire at 1-877-783-0432



For more Fact Sheets please go to www.ParentHelpNH.org

Children's Hospital at Dartmouth, Injury Prevention Center, NH Department of Health and Human Services, NH Department of Education, NH Pediatric Society, SAFE KIDS NH & Partnership for a DrugFreeNH.org